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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
WESTHAMPTON, MASS.,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1883.

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TORREY BROTHERS, PRINTERS.
1883.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

EXPENDITURES.

ON HIGHWAYS.

By E. P. Lyman, snow bill,	\$ 7 81
“ J. Connery, “	4 62
“ E. P. Bartlett, “	13 74
“ J. Hathaway, “	13 08
“ H. S. King, “	11 22
“ I. O. Shaw, “	8 53
“ A. Damon, “	2 70
“ M. H. Montague, “	8 50
“ L. Janes, “	3 25
“ D. S. Bridgman, “	16 32
“ L. L. Rhodes, “	8 00
“ O. W. Bartlett, “	14 25
“ P. Connors, “	15 00
“ G. Tower, “	15 70
“ H. Hathaway, “	7 46
“ H. W. Montague, “	3 00
“ F. D. Bridgman, “	1 00
	—————
	\$154 18
By E. P. Lyman, surveyor,	\$27 63
“ I. O. Shaw, “	62 32
“ L. L. Rhodes, “	65 37
“ P. Connors, “	21 52
“ H. Hathaway, “	33 66
“ H. S. King, “	42 51

By O. W. Bartlett,	"	56 01
" L. A. Howard,	"	55 83
" G. Tower,	"	20 50
" M. H. Montague,	"	30 05
" F. C. Montague,	"	47 98
" H. L. Williams,	"	35 01
" J. Connery,	"	32 35
" Theo. Edwards,	"	38 70
" S. L. Williams,	"	31 50
" H. M. Parsons, committee,		45 00
Paid for scrapers,		20 00
		—————
		\$665 94

Total on highways, \$820 12.

ON BRIDGES.

ON POND BRIDGE.

Wm. E. Lyman, for lumber,	\$39 02
A. G. Jewett and others, for work,	7 75
	—————
	\$46 77

ON STILL BRIDGE.

O. W. Bartlett, work,	\$12 00
G. Tower, "	23 75
E. J. Burt, "	15 70
G. H. Tufts, "	11 37
P. McCarty, "	11 37
A. D. Rice, "	5 50
A. G. Jewett, "	6 25
L. L. Rhodes, "	22 75
J. J. Fisher, timber,	6 50
Paid for powder, fuse, drills, etc.,	3 55
" derrick and hauling same,	17 50
	—————
	\$136 24

Total on highways and bridges, \$1003 13.

On Schools, by School Committee,	1014 18
On Cemetery, by Committee,	25 67

TAXES.

State tax,	320 00
County tax,	408 05
Collecting taxes, to C. C. Loud,	20 24
" " N. A. Kingsley,	34 64
Discount on taxes,	119 41
Abatement on taxes,	9 88

	\$912 22

FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

J. P. Conway, last sickness and burial,	\$ 73 55
Ezra French,	157 34
W. J. Fish,	25 00
M. Maher,	7 50
F. Chilson,	3 13

	\$266 52
State aid,	\$13 22
Street fund,	55 00
Thayer fund,	60 00

	\$128 22

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

C. N. Loud, driving and care of hearse,	\$18 00
E. B. Pratt, care of Hall and Library,	37 00
H. W. Montague, wood for Hall,	8 50
Oil, wick and wood for "	9 58
Can, lamp and burners for "	1 05
Glass and setting for "	1 52
Cleaning clock for "	75
Auditing accounts,	3 00
Printing reports and bills,	14 50
Postage, Express and Paper,	6 26
Traveling Expenses,	4 75
Recording births, deaths etc.,	9 90
Safe and hauling,	148 91— \$263 72

TOWN OFFICERS' FEES.

F. H. Judd, Clerk,	15 00
" Sealer,	5 00
" Elector,	3 00
N. A. Kingsley, Treasurer,	25 00
A. K. Chapman, Constable,	3 00
A. D. Rice, Selectman,	22 35
L. L. Rhodes, "	15 75
A. G. Jewett, "	18 50— \$107 60
Amount of Disbursements,	3,721 26

RESOURCES.

Balance from last year,	\$1,234 63
Cash from other sources (Treas book),	727 34
Amount of tax assessed,	3,463 84

	\$5,425 81
Balance March 1st., 1883.	\$1,704 55

Respectfully Submitted,

A. G. JEWETT,	}	Selectmen
A. D. RICE,		of
L. L. RHODES,		Westhampton

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and found them correct, with vouchers on file for orders drawn to the amount of three thousand seven hundred and twenty one and 26-100 dollars (\$3721 26).

A. K. CHAPMAN,	}	Auditors.
CHAS. N. LOUD,		

Westhampton, March 5th., 1883.

Treasurer's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST., 1883.



DR.,	
To balance from last year,	\$1234 63
Received from Southampton, school fund,	7 50
" Estate of Fordyce Chilson,	5 00
" H. H. Chilson, Int. on Street fund,	55 00
" A. J. Fargo, use of Law library,	15 00
" A. P. Bridgman, Int. on Thayer fund,	12 00
" Irene Clark, " "	12 00
" F. H. Judd, " "	37 50
" County Treas., dog fund returned,	46 08
" State Treas., Corporation tax,	31
" " National Bank tax,	285 30
" " Relief of Soldiers and Sailors,	39 09
" " School fund,	212 56
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	1,961 97
Amount of Assessment,	3,463 84
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Total,	\$5425 81

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By paid orders of Selectmen,	\$3,721 26
Balance in Treasury,	1,704 55
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N. A. KINGSLEY, Treasurer.

The Auditors of accounts for the Town of Westhampton hereby certify that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find it correct, with vouchers for disbursements to the amount of Three thousand seven hundred and twenty one 26-100 Dollars (\$3,721 26), and a balance in the Treasury of Seventeen hundred four and 55-100 Dollars (\$1704 55).

A. K. CHAPMAN,
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R E P O R T
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
WESTHAMPTON, MASS.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

Your Committee think that the past school year has been a very profitable one to those scholars who have attended the schools for the purpose for which they are maintained, viz., to fit them for the best performance of the duties that will devolve upon them in the future, when they will be compelled to assume them. We are glad to know that there are some such scholars in our schools, and they will succeed, for the old adage holds good here, "Where there is a will there is a way." There are others, however, who seem to care little about improvement, but spend their time for naught, and these not only injure their own prospects but hinder and do great harm to those who are nobly trying to improve. We would emphatically suggest to the parents that they fail not to impress upon the minds of the children that it is as necessary that they should attend school regularly and promptly, be as careful and diligent while there, as that their own duties at home are properly attended to. Promptness is not the least important lesson that should be taught our children; if not taught they will be like John B. Gough's "three handed man; with a right hand, a left hand and a little behind hand." These present opportunities are golden and will soon pass out of their reach; they will soon be called to manage affairs and we shall be laid aside. If we

would do the most for our comfort, as well as for theirs and the community, let us not scrimp in our appropriation for schools. Our expenses have been unusually light in some instances and our resources larger than common the past year. The expenses will be greater for repairs the coming year and we shall have to pay teachers more. We ought to raise more money for schools. One thousand dollars is none too much. The South school house was broken into and injured by outside parties, last winter, and the Center school house has been greatly damaged by the scholars. All such should suffer for their lawlessness. They are possibly not aware that they make themselves liable to a penalty of not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisonment for one year, (Gen. Stat., Chap. 203, Sect. 78.) Every tax payer and every lover of good order is interested in this matter of injury to public buildings. We have not been able to obtain and retain such teachers in some of the schools as we thought desirable on account of the smallness of the salaries we were able to offer. We endeavor to keep the parents and friends at home informed of the progress of their children through the weekly report of the teachers. In this way if any item of the report is not understood it may be explained by application to the teacher, and this is desired. We notice, however, that in some instances these cards are not returned or are destroyed, showing plainly that the scholar or the parents, or both, are ashamed of the record, thus showing the actual character fully as plainly as if fairly and honestly handled. Such make their mark and are not worthy of confidence. The North West school has always shown a good record of attendance. We wish the others would follow their example in this respect. In the South there may be some excuse on account of the long distance for small children to travel, but we think some of the scholars could do better. In the Hill school there must have been great carelessness on the part of some. In the Center the record is especially bad in the winter, and without the above excuse, and the past has been a very favorable winter.

The Clark Scholarship Prize was awarded to Mary Whalen as the best reader and speller in the senior class in the Center school at the close of the Winter term, amounting to \$8.59.

On the first day of May 1882 there were 116 children between the ages of 5 and 15 years. Of these 108 have attended our schools, aside from those attending the school at Loudville.

The Truant Officers, having had no official duties to perform, we have no further report to make for them.

In the following table fractions are discarded :

TERMS, WAGES AND ATTENDANCE.
Fractions Discarded.

SCHOOLS.	No. of Weeks.	Teacher's Wages & Board per Week.		No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Tardiness.	No. Not Tardy.	No. Not Absent.
		Dollars.	Sp'r.					
Center.	32	5	5	6.83	43	41	33	35
Hill.	32	5	5	6	16	20	26	13
South,	32	5	5	5	22	22	15	17
N. West.	32	5	5	5	18	19	14	16

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Not absent or tardy through the year:—In the Center, Gussie Pollard, Susie Burt. In the Hill, Nellie McCARTY. In the North West, FRANK L. WILLIAMS, Ida R. HATHAWAY, LOTTIE F. WILLIAMS.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES.

Loudville School, 1881 and 1882,	\$139 40
Salaries of Teachers,	674 00
Fuel,	71 00
Transportation of Scholars,	20 00
Repairs and cleaning school houses,	7 12
Making fires,	6 00
School Furniture,	4 35
Books, Cards and Crayon,	69 57
Care and Sale of Books,	2 00
Committee's Fees, Miss Carrie Burt,	10 00
" A. D. Montague,	10 00
" F. H. Judd,	28 50
Balance not drawn,	236 64
	———— \$1,278 58

RESOURCES.

Balance from last year,	\$215 22
State school fund,	212 56
Dog fund,	23 04
Town's appropriation,	800 00
Sale of school books,	27 76
	———— \$1,278 58

\$7 50 rec'd from Southampton should appear in our resources and increase our balance by that amount.

The expenses for the Loudville School have not yet been ascertained, but they will absorb the larger part of our balance.

There are books on hand, valued,	\$34 04
Books charged out,	22 17
Tuition due of Southampton,	7 50
	———— \$63 71

TEACHERS.

Center School : Spring and Summer terms, Miss MYRA E. KINGSLEY; Winter term, Miss NELLIE A. WAIT.

Hill School : Spring term, Miss ADDIE S. BRIDGMAN; Summer term, Miss H. ANTOINETTE ORCUTT; Winter term, T. WATSON PHELPS.

South School : Spring and Summer terms, Miss MARY A. BARTLETT; Winter term, Miss MYRA L. JUDD.

North West School : Spring term, Miss LIZZIE EWING; Summer term, Miss LAURA H. CLAPP; Winter term, FRED D. MONTAGUE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

F. H. JUDD,	term expires	March 1883
Miss CARRIE BURT,	"	" 1884
A. D. MONTAGUE,	"	" 1885

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. JUDD,

For the Committee.

The auditors of accounts for the Town of Westhampton hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the School Committee for the year ending March 1st, 1883, and find them correct, with an unexpended balance of school money in the hands of the treasurer of two hundred thirty-six and 64-100 dollars (\$236.64.)

A. K. CHAPMAN,
CHAS. N. LOUD, } Auditors.

